

SWEDISH ENVOY ASSAILS LEAGUE COUNCIL FOR SECRET TACTICS

CRITICIZES ASSEMBLY METHODS

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take any action that would be unfavorable to the United States and Chile has already brought up the question of the Monroe doctrine.

Chilean Opposition.

Chile is opposed to revision of the Chilean-Bolivian treaty by the League of Nations and bases her opposition upon the following contentions:

Interference with international affairs on the American continent would be a violation of the Monroe doctrine and repugnant to the United States.

Revision of the Chilean-Bolivian treaty would open the way for Germany to ask for a revision of the treaty of Versailles.

It would be unfair to revise a treaty that was negotiated fifteen years before the League of Nations came into being.

Bolivia countered with the declaration that she had communicated with Washington and had been assured by the American State Department that it has no objection to the League of Nations taking up the Chilean-Bolivian treaty.

Although not a member of the League of Nations, Germany is abiding by one of the clauses of the covenant—the clause that calls for all treaties to be registered with the secretary general. Germany has already registered about fifteen treaties with the League of Nations and is appearing to file the treaty that was recently negotiated between Berlin and Washington ending the state of war between the two countries.

Bolivian Squabble
May Offer Real Test For Monroe Doctrine

By International News Service.

The administration is watching and waiting with keen interest the outcome of the League of Nations first dispute.

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direct brush with the Monroe Doctrine. For the first time since the birth of the League, the question of whether it can or will interfere in a strictly American dispute has been raised by the differences between Bolivia and Chile, both of which countries are members of the League.

Bolivia demands that the League assembly now meeting at Geneva take up and adjudicate the differences with Chile which date far back in history. The instrument on which specific action is demanded is the Treaty of 1904 which Bolivia regards as detrimental to her interests.

Chile Is Firm.

Chile has countered the Bolivian demand with the contention that the matter is a strictly American affair, and has threatened to withdraw from the League and invoke the protection of the Monroe Doctrine if the League meddles in the matter.

The League assembly has temporarily averted the issue by postponing discussion, but definite action one way or the other will have to be taken before the Geneva conference breaks up. It is expected here, and the League's decision is awaited with absorbing interest by official and diplomatic Washington.

Efforts to ascertain the attitude of the United States in case the League decides to interfere were met today with silence from officials concerned. They declare the position of the League already is embarrassing enough, without fresh complications being added by public pronouncements from this side of the Atlantic.

It was admitted, however, that should the League decide in Bolivia's favor and endeavor to force its decision upon Chile, such action would give rise to an ugly situation between the League and the United States. The United States could hardly sit idly by and see European troops landed in South America to enforce an authority which the United States does not recognize.

May Dodge Issue.

The belief is general among high officials of the Administration that the league will dodge the issue presented by the Chilean-Bolivian controversy. In the first place, article 21 of the league recognizes the Monroe Doctrine as an established fact. In the second place, it is not believed that the league would care to risk an open test of strength with this country over an issue that so little concerns the welfare of Europe. The impression prevails that the issue will be postponed at Geneva until the last minute, and then in all probability Bolivia's request for reconsideration of the treaty will be denied.

The outcome of the case, nevertheless, is being watched with keen interest by the Administration and diplomats here as the first test of the league's authority in an American dispute.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—President Harding's new mandate note to the League of Nations will not result in reopening the question of mandates by the Allied powers, according to opinion advanced in official circles here today.

It is understood that France and Italy are determined to proceed with the mandate question, according to the treaty of Versailles, and will refuse to renew the negotiations on the subject.

Great Britain's position was summed up as follows by a well informed political personage:

"Great Britain greets the new American mandate note with the most pleasant smile, but intends to forget the receipt of it."

ITALY FREES STEAMER
FOR U. S. SHIPPING BOARD

The steamer Pocahontas, which has been held at Naples pending negotiations regarding claims against her aggregating 2,000,000 lire will sail today or tomorrow for the United States. It was said at the Shipping Board today.

Details of the arrangements made by representatives of the board for the release of the steamer were not made public.

AUTOIST ASKS DAMAGE
FOR STREET CAR CRASH

Richard Hartley today filed suit in the District Supreme Court against the Capital Traction Company for \$5,000 damages for alleged personal injuries and to damage done to his automobile. Hartley, represented by Attorney Wilton J. Lambert, alleged that while passing over the Calvert street bridge in his automobile July 24, last, a street car ran into his machine, damaging it and injuring him seriously and permanently.

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UNION TO APPEAL TO PRESIDENT ON BETHLEHEM PAY

Declare Government Under Moral Obligation to Meet Back Wage Claim.

By HARRY L. ROGERS, International News Service.

Charging the War Department in refusing to pay claims of former employees of the Bethlehem Steel Company for \$1,500,000 in back pay, not because of any lack of legal authority, but because the department was derelict in its duty of collecting the amount from the steel company, and now prefers to make the men stand the loss, David Williams, vice president of the International Association of Machinists, today declared his intention of appealing to President Harding from the decision of Secretary of War Weeks.

Secretary Weeks a few days ago addressed a letter to Congress, explaining that the War Department could not legally pay the claims of 38,000 machinists and electricians for back pay due them under an award of the National War Labor Board, but stating that the men unquestionably had an equity and recommending that Congress take cognizance of it.

Williams will attempt to prove to the President that a moral obligation rests upon the Government to pay these claims and ask him to recommend action by Congress.

In deciding it has no legal authority to pay the claims, Williams declared, the War Department has taken the stand that, because the department failed to deduct from the amount due the Bethlehem Company sufficient sums to cover the increased pay to the workmen, the Secretary of War now has no legal right to pay the amounts due.

"During the two years and nine months since the armistice, approximately \$80,000,000 have been paid the company, and now when there are no more funds due, the decision holds that the Secretary of War cannot pay the Bethlehem claim because it should have been paid by a different method which the War Department did not adopt, and which it is now too late to adopt," Williams declared.

"A mistake by the War Department should not be agreed to or accepted by the Secretary as a ground for refusing to meet the moral obligations of the department, especially when the way is still open legally for the department to do what the fundamentals of honor and good faith require."

"There can be no doubt that the War Department's obligation is direct to the employees of the Bethlehem company, and cannot be set aside on technical grounds."

H. S. REILEY IS GRANTED
DIVORCE FROM HIS WIFE

A final decree of absolute divorce was today granted by Justice Boehlert of the District Supreme Court to Hubert S. Reiley from Elizabeth M. Reiley on charges of misconduct. The father is to have the custody of their infant daughter, Eleanor V. Reiley, and Mrs. Reiley was awarded the custody of their infant son, Luther Warren Reiley.

The parents are given the privilege of visiting their children, but must first notify the children's guardian.

IDENTIFY CHAUFFEUR.

With the finding of the body, Inspector Clifford L. Grant, chief of detectives, sent Detective Sergeants Hughtlett and Phillips, who with Captain Boyd of Sixth precinct, learned the identity of the chauffeur through an automobile operator's license card which was found in his clothes.

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THEY WANT HARDING TO LOOK THEM OVER



MISS JEWEL O'MALLEY AND MISS AILEEN FAYE, two of a number of New York girls who started out from City Hall on a ten-day hike to Washington, where they will visit President Harding and ask for his approval of their knickerbocker attire. They are making the trip on a dare to prove the value of knickerbockers for the athletic girl.

YOUTH SOUGHT ASSSLAYER, ENDS LIFE WITH GAS

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Jenkins man's room, broke open the door.

Jenkins was found lying fully dressed on his bed, with gas flowing from the jets. The windows were down and bed linen had been thrust under the door to prevent the gas from escaping from the room.

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ROOT CLOSETED WITH PRESIDENT IN LONG SESSION

Pays Unexpected Call on Harding, But Bandies Negatives at Questioning Reporters.

By International News Service.

Elihu Root, the "elder statesman" of the Republican party, whose name has been frequently mentioned as a possible representative of the United States at the coming disarmament conference, was an unexpected caller at the White House today.

Root arrived at the Executive offices a few minutes after President Harding had reached his desk, soon after 9 o'clock, and for more than an hour the two were closeted in conference. It was the first time the former Secretary of State has been at the White House since President Harding has been in office.

Personal Call, He Says.

Root was in a jovial humor after his lengthy conference with the President. He joked with newspaper correspondents, but steadfastly declined to divulge the purpose of his visit, or what was discussed with the President.

"It was a personal call," he said, when he emerged from the President's office.

"Rather a long personal call, an hour and a half, isn't it Senator?" asked a reporter.

"Oh, well," replied Root, smiling. "We talked about cabbages and kings." He declined to reveal, however, the identity of the possible cabbages and kings discussed. He said the coming disarmament conference had not entered the discussion.

Politics, taxation and the qualities of the present Administration were questions taboed by the former Secretary of State.

"Those are three matters I never discuss," he said.

Root was informed by one reporter that a dispatch had just been received from Geneva stating that he had accepted a seat on the International Court of Justice, organized under the League of Nations, for which honor he was nominated by five nations and refused to serve.

"Nothing to It."

"You have an accomplished liar over there," replied the former Secretary of State. "I have not accepted."

"They say they are going to draft you to serve, Senator," interposed another.

"Is there any new extradition treaty by which they could accomplish it?" asked Root.

Following his visit to the White House, Root was to see Secretary of State Hughes.

Root said he came to Washington in connection with the Carnegie peace endowment fund, and was taking advantage of the occasion to pay his respects to the Administration.

AUTOS NEEDED TO CARRY FORMER NEGRO SLAVES

Automobiles and carriages are needed to convey the 300 former negro slaves from their homes to the mass meeting in their honor at Comptonian Baptist Church tomorrow night, according to the Rev. Simon P. W. Drew, pastor.

The occasion will mark the 300th anniversary of the landing on American shores of the first negroes. A street parade will precede the mass meeting.

LONDON TO HOLD PARLEY BEFORE BIG D. C. MEET

Newspaper Announces That Harding Has Withdrawn Objections; Washington Puzzled.

By International News Service.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—Despite a denial by the British government, the London Times announced today that an informal conference preliminary to the Far East and disarmament conference in Washington in November will be held in London forthwith.

There was considerable comment over the unofficial announcement that a preliminary conference would be held, and the general opinion was that "old-time" diplomacy had won its first victory in connection with President Harding's conference.

For weeks permanent government officials in Whitehall, and especially those of the "old school," have been frankly predicting that unless the subject matter of the Washington conference was restricted by a preliminary international conference the great disarmament conference would be sterile of result.

After pointing out that the Washington Government had reversed its previous refusal for a preliminary meeting, the London Times said editorially:

"It must be confessed that the conference has lately been regarded with some little anxiety.

"Old diplomacy, through its ordinary channels, is to prepare the way for the triumph of a new kind of diplomacy, and the worst errors of the Paris peace conference will be avoided."

U. S. Doesn't Approve.

By International News Service.

The United States has not given its approval of a preliminary conference in London to discuss the program of the November armament conference, it was said officially at the State Department today.

Some weeks ago the United States declined to approve the British suggestion for a preliminary conference, and that decision remains unchanged, it was said.

CALF, STUNG BY BEES, CURED BY BUTTERMILK

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Sept. 8.—A pedigree calf five months old, grazing at rope's length, felt the urge to wander, pulled the stake and youthfully and unwisely nibbled the clover path of appetite straight up to a dozen hives of honey bees. The rope wrapped itself around the calf. The bees wrapped themselves around the calf. All the blue blood in his veiny carcass leaped into burning lumps. They stung him from his bleeding lips to his wildly waving tail. Every time he made a new leap of agony they bored him in a new place. The calf was in a fair way to die when its owner, Melvin Parks, came along.

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